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SUBJ: PRIMIN TRAVEL TO SE ASIA

1. PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG PIL IS PLANNING TO VISIT SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES IN MID-JUNE. ACCORDING TO PRIMIN'S OFFICE, KIM WILL GO TO INDONESIA, THAILAND, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, AND THE PHILIPPINES ON A GOODWILL MISSION. PRIMIN IS ALSO PLANNING STOP IN TAIPEI ON RETURN TRIP TO SEOUL BUT THIS STOP WILL NOT BE FORMALLY INCLUDED IN INITIAL ITINERARY. TIMING AND ITINERARY ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

2. PRIMIN TRIP IS LINKED TO DIPLOMATIC COMPETITION

BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA. IN SAME GENERAL TIMEFRAME ROKG WILL BE DISPATCHING OTHER HIGH LEVEL MISSIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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3. MAJOR PURPOSE OF PRIMIN'S VISIT WILL BE TO
SHORE UP ROK RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES
AND TO PREVENT EROSION ROK POSITION VIS-A-VIS NORTH
KOREA. RECENT NK TRADE MISSION VISIT TO BANGKOK HAD MADE ROKG
PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO SEA GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES.
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